

Thus Saith God's Word

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"The Lost Art" Part III (Continuation)

What has gone wrong for us to have lost the art of healing in the church?

Tradition has replaced the truth. You are told not to judge, leave it alone; but Christ declared you would know a tree by the fruit it bears. Jesus warned the church not to have company with fornicators (1 Cor. 5:9). Yet, they are the ones most often in front attempting to lead the Church. God told Moses, "if you come near any of these folks, don't distress or meddle with them. Don't take hand in their affairs. Don't be rude, just leave them alone." (Duet. 2:19) Why? These are reckless people moving about worshipping false Gods. These kind of people will destroy their own families.

Lost from the church is the Pastor's wife. If your preacher's wife was to attend church on Wednesday night, it would shock the congregation because of her absence from the church. She is to adorn herself, being in subjection unto her own husband.

When Abraham spoke Sarah replied "Yes, Lord". Every time a minister goes through the doors of the church his wife should be by his side. Why? No matter how sincere he may

pray, if a pastor and his wife are not in harmony God will not hear his prayers. (1 Peter 3:7)

Another reason Healing has become a lost art is when a minister commits adultery. Instead of doing what God says do, tradition is to just move him up the street to bring shame on another church as if nothing has happened.

Let me close now by saying that tradition has robbed us of the great pleasures of God. Brother Peter said

that when judgement comes it will begin with us, and what shall the end be to them that obey not gospel of God (1 Peter 4:17) The world nor the unsaved cannot obey the word of God? You must be saved. God is speaking to you and me. What will it be like to hear the voice declare, "I never knew you." (Matthew 7:33) Think about it for a moment... Is it worth it, being faithful to a tradition that robs us of the blessed healing of God? That blessed peace for our souls which none of us can afford to lose?

When life is over and we stand at the bar of judgement with a doctrine of man only to be told "I don't know you." Think about it. God made a promise to the church... "if you fail me

(God) and allow my church to become defiled with sin, then my judgement will begin at the house of God." Brothers and Sisters, you are the people of God, the body of Christ, refuse to allow your church to become worldly. If your pastor can't line up with the word of God, get him out. Tell him that you refuse to ransom the blood of your family to tradition. Don't allow your pastor to side-track you preaching on "Take back America!" It is the church which we need to take back! It is the church which needs to be cleaned up...the leadership of it.

The church was purchased by the blood of Jesus. Oh, stand up, Church! You can do it! The worldly minded folk will wonder why you are doing it and why you don't run with the... (1 Peter 4:4)

Well, now I pray you see how and why the church has lost the art of healing. "SIN." We also know how we can once again blaze the path of Christ across these lands. "Get back tot he word of God!"

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Pediatric Pointers

By: Joseph T. Bell
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One of the more common illnesses I see in clinic is diarrhea. The most common cause of diarrhea is a viral infection of the intestines. The symptoms of diarrhea usually last about 3 days, but may last up to 7 days. The frequent diaper changes can be a hassle, but most cases of diarrhea are uncomplicated and do not cause a threat to the health of the child. If lots of fluids are lost during a bad diarrhea attack, however, a child may run the risk of dehydration. Dehydration can have serious medical consequences, but it is relatively easy to prevent by making sure that the child drinks enough of the right kinds of liquids.

A good choice of fluids for infants with diarrhea include the oral rehydration solutions, such as Pedialyte or Infalyte. These have a combination of salt, sugar and water to replace that which is lost in the bowel movements. These solutions will work much better than plain water, or fluids that have a lot of sugar in them, such as soft drinks or juices. Lots of sugar tends to make diarrhea worse. If you use these liquids, make sure they are diluted with water.

Children with diarrhea need about twice as much to drink as they normally need. For instance, a one year old with diarrhea should drink about 6

to 8 ounces every 2 hours. It is good to not allow a child to stay on an oral hydration solution only for more than 24 hours. It is important that your child returns to a regular diet as soon as possible.

Although your child may not be interested in solid foods during the first 24 hours of their illness, it is important to begin feeding again as soon as possible especially after 12 hours without food or formula. At that point, continue with breast-feeding or the same formula the baby is on. If the child is eating solids, try bland foods such as noodles, crackers, oatmeal, rice, vegetables, bananas or yogurt. Avoid fried, fatty foods or foods with a lot of sugar, such as ice cream or sweet cereals.

Well, that's all on diarrhea. Take care and we'll talk again next week!

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